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FROM : Chief of Station, Vienna

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SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— [] visit with KOVACS

Reference: MAVA-5644; MAV/12 SBG-890

1. While he was in Munich on 21 July, [] had the opportunity to converse at length with KOVACS and confront him with the discrepancies between his letter of 18 June and the information revealed by KAPITANFFY.

Ferenc TASVADIS
KOVACS readily admitted that he had not written [] name to KAPITANFFY and stated that KAPITANFFY had not been consulted regarding the proposed meeting. KOVACS himself had decided such a meeting was futile after conferring with his brother and a third party, not named, and deciding that it was impossible to attempt to reactivate a small part of his old network without reactivating the whole.

Andreas TASVADI-KOVACS
3. KOVACS' statements leave us as much in the dark as ever concerning his relations, if any, with ZAKO's intelligence operations. He admitted to [] at this meeting that he was a member of the MHEK but claimed to be General KOSZORUS' right hand man in the opposition group, a statement which was later confirmed independently by General HENNYEY. In spite of his seemingly anti-ZAKO position, KOVACS remains a very close friend of KAPITANFFY and must be aware of the latter's position as chief of the ZAKO CI organization.

Gustav
4. Reviewing the entire case, however, we do not believe that KOVACS' decision to break off negotiations with [] was influenced by the parallel negotiations between ZAKO and []. It seems more probable that KOVACS saw in [] repeated demands for detail, his emphasis on control and his insistence on a small but secure beginning the possibility that neither he nor his brother would have any place in the future organization, and he was unwilling to go any farther without the assurance of a plush job. Furthermore, in spite of all his protestations as "chief" of the old network, there can be no doubt that KAPITANFFY managed the actual operations and KOVACS was merely an outlet, probably unaware of most of the significant details.

5. In view of our direct contact with KAPITANFFY through both [] and [], KOVACS no longer has any operational value. [] will continue to maintain casual contact with him in the hope that we can learn more of the inner maneuverings of the MHEK, but KAPITANFFY is no []

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main target. The latter failed to show up in Salzburg on 10 July as he had expected to and [] has not heard from him since their first meeting. However, [] has some welfare business to transact with him which will afford a cover for a trip to Innsbruck if KAPITANFFY should find it impossible to visit Salzburg in the near future.

6. Close contact between [] and KAPITANFFY might provide an additional control factor should closer relations with ZAKO be established.

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